

Exhibit A

(Claims with parenthetical examples of support)

28. (New) A method of utilizing a document stream operating system that in turn utilizes subsystems from at least one of a Windows operating system and an Apple operating system, comprising:

receiving documents from diverse applications in formats that are specific to the respective applications and differ as between at least some of said applications;

automatically associating time-based indicators with the documents received in the receiving step from the diverse applications;

automatically archiving the received documents;

automatically creating glance views that are abbreviated versions of respective ones of said documents;

selectively displaying at least some of said documents as a receding, foreshortened stack of partly overlapping documents so that only a part of each of said documents in the displayed stack, after the first document in the stack, is visible to the user ;

said displaying further including displaying a cursor or pointer and responding to a user sliding the cursor or pointer over said displayed stack to display the glance view of the document in the stack that is currently touched by the cursor or pointer, without requiring clicking on the document; and

utilizing, in said document stream operating system, subsystems from at least one of a Windows operating system and an Apple operating system for operations including writing documents to storage media, interrupt handling and input/output.

29. (New) A method as in claim 28 in which the utilizing step comprises utilizing subsystems from a Windows operating system.

46 (30) (New) A method as in claim 28 in which the utilizing step comprises utilizing subsystems from an Apple operating system.

2 (31) (New) A method as in claim 28 including storing said documents as a main stream that is time-based and selectively generating a substream of documents that are a subset of the documents in the main stream matching selected criteria.

3 (32) (New) A method as in claim 31 in which said generating a substream comprises generating a substream that persists unless selectively destroyed by a user.

3 (33) (New) A method as in claim 32 in which said generating a substream comprises generating a live substream that collects new documents that are added to said main stream and meet said criteria.

5 (34) (New) A method as in claim 33 including selectively automatically squishing a substream to create one or more summary overview documents.

6 (35) (New) A method as in claim 34 in which said squishing comprises creating at least one live summary overview document that is updated as additional documents are added to the main stream.

7 (36) (New) A method as in claim 31 including selectively automatically squishing a substream to create one or more summary overview documents.

8 (37) (New) A method as in claim 36 in which said squishing comprises creating at least one live summary overview document that is updated as additional documents are added to the main stream.

9 38 (New) A method of automatically archiving documents received from diverse applications in different formats such that the archived documents can be searched for documents meeting selected criteria, comprising:

receiving documents from diverse applications in formats that are specific to the respective applications and differ as between at least some of said applications;

automatically associating time-based indicators with the documents received in the receiving step from the diverse applications;

automatically archiving the received documents together with said time-based indicators;

selectively displaying at least some of said documents as a receding, foreshortened stack of partly overlapping documents so that only a part of each of said documents in the displayed stack, after the first document in the stack, is visible to the user; and

said displaying further including displaying a cursor or pointer and responding to a user sliding the cursor or pointer over said displayed stack to display a glance view of the document in the stack that is currently touched by the cursor or pointer, wherein said glance view is an abbreviated version of the documents.

9 39. (New) A method as in claim 38, including utilizing subsystems from at least one of a Windows operating system and an Apple operating system for operations including writing documents to storage media and input/output in said archiving and displaying.

11 40. (New) A method as in claim 38 including selectively searching said archived documents for documents meeting selected criteria and generating and displaying a substream comprising documents identified in said searching, said substream being in time order and comprising documents in different formats matching respective different applications from which the documents originated.